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Dear El Oro Way Parents, Students, and Community Members:

It's a pleasure to welcome you back to a fantastic new school year at El Oro Way! ***School begins on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.***

Effective the first day of school, for all grades (TK- 5th), the opening school bell rings at 8:00 a.m. Dismissal time is at 2:28 p.m. on Regular Days. Starting Tuesday, August 18, 2026, all Tuesday Dismissals will be at 1:28 p.m.

For the *first day only*, parents of *returning* students are welcome to enter the playground and wait with students until they are picked up by last year's classroom teachers. Only students are to walk up to the classrooms with the teachers. Parents are asked to exit through the Playground Gate when the 1st bell rings at 8:00 a.m.

Starting the 2nd day of school, August 13, 2026, only students will enter the playground gates at the start of the school day. Parents are asked to volunteer for the Morning Safety Valet drop off program.

New Student Information (TK-5)

- All new students, TK-5, are to come to the auditorium on the first day of school. 8:30 a.m. is the anticipated time when students will be sent to the classrooms.
- Students in grades 1-5 will be given their classroom assignments and escorted to their classrooms by school staff.
- TK and New Kinder students – Parents, please find your child's name tag outside the auditorium and have your child wear it before entering. Students will be picked up by their teachers at approximately 8:30 a.m. once the teachers have dismissed their students from last school year to the new kindergarten and first grade classes. Parents are asked to say goodbye inside the Auditorium. Please exit towards the rose garden where PTA has prepared a welcome reception, *Tears to Cheers*, for new parents. We ask that you prepare your TK/K child to say goodbye at the exit door of the Auditorium. Please prepare your children in the days leading up to August 12th that you will say bye in the Auditorium. Only students will leave towards the classrooms at the side of the Auditorium.
- **Beginning on Thursday, all students grades 1-5 are to be dropped off at the Playground Gate, south of the Staff Parking Lot. All TK and K students are to be dropped off at the Kindergarten Gate, just north of the Main Office.**

Returning Students

- Gates open at 7:40 a.m. and close promptly at 8:00 a.m.

- All returning students in Kindergarten (attended UTK at El Oro Way in 2025/2026) are to enter at the Kindergarten Gate.
- All returning students Grades 1-5 are to enter at the Playground Gate, south of the Staff Parking Lot. Students are to line up with the classroom teacher from last year. Current year 1st graders will be directed to the lunch tables to gather as they wait for their last year's Kindergarten teachers to meet them.
- Though classroom assignments have been available through Schoology, the assignments are placeholders in the student information system until school starts. Classroom assignments are tentative for the first month of school.

ALL NEW FAMILIES, TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

There will be an orientation for **parents** on Monday, August 10th at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium for all new families. Teachers will be present to provide specific information to TK and Kindergarten.

Also at the meeting, there will be an informational meeting for parents of English Learners (students who speak a language other than English) and there will be future parent information meetings that include Question & Answer sessions. **Upcoming dates will be provided throughout the year.**

ARRIVAL TIME FOR SCHOOL

School opens at 7:40 a.m. Parent Volunteers provide a morning drop-off valet on the curb, marked with cones, by the Playground Gate and Kindergarten Gate starting on the second day of school. Please do not park in this area. Children are supervised on the Playground until 8:00 a.m. During the mornings before school, students are to gather by the classroom number as they wait for school to start. Equipment and play areas are closed at this time. Parking is heavily congested. Please plan enough time to drive, park (sometimes far away), and walk to the gate to drop off your children before 8:00 a.m. School staff will supervise students until they are picked up by their classroom teachers. Also, if you need to take care of school business, please be aware that the office staff is heavily impacted until about 8:45 a.m.

AFTERSCHOOL PICKUP

- TK/K students are dismissed at the Kindergarten Gate north of the Main Office.
- 1st Grade students are dismissed at the gate in front of the Main Office.
- 2nd - 5th Grade students are dismissed at the playground gate just south of the Staff Parking Lot.
- Please do not use the Staff Parking Lot (Vehicle Code 21113) for pickup of students.
- Parking is congested during dismissal time. Plan time to park/walk and observe all parking and driving regulations.

School Policy on Dropping Off Items for Students

All items that students may have forgotten in the car or home may be dropped off at the school office by **9:00am**. Items will be delivered at this time only and no more late items will be delivered to classes nor classrooms interrupted to be notified. Please send all items for school with your child at drop off. This includes extra jackets, water bottles, lunch, homework, etc. If needed, students are to raise their hands for the lunch count taken during morning attendance and will be provided with a school lunch by the cafeteria, free of charge. Any item brought to the school after 9:00 a.m. will not be accepted.

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, August 20th, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. El Oro Way Charter for Enriched Studies' Back-To-School Night
- Friday, August 21st, Minimum Day-2:53 p.m. Dismissal
- Friday, August 28th, 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium, Annual Friendship Breakfast hosted by PTA-El Oro Way's Local School Leadership Council (serves as Charter Governance Council) and English Language Advisory Committee information will be presented. We look forward to another successful school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Soo Jin Horio, Principal